

**Meth Community Response Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 2009  
10 am to 11:30 am  
Health Access Washoe County (HAWC) Clinic (Conference Room)  
1055 S. Wells Avenue, Reno**

**In attendance:**

**Tia Childers, Willow Springs  
Kelli Blincoe, WCSO  
Tom Bolan, WC Public Defender's Office  
Jennifer Bowler, Renown  
Bob Collins, Washoe County Juvenile Services  
David Collins, Bristlecone  
AJ Coronella, WestCare Triage Center  
Jennifer DeLett Snyder, JTNN  
Gordon Dodd, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Sumunumu  
Pat Fling, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Becky Gebhardt, WCDSS  
John Haldeman, Bridge Center  
Brandi Johns, JTNN  
Amber Karnes, Statewide Native American Coalition  
Wendy Keller, WC Department of Alternative Sentencing  
Kim Loranger, WC Juvenile Services  
Laura Marineau, Children's Cabinet  
Pam Matteoni, Senator Ensign's Office  
Kevin Quint, JTNN  
Brittany Ramsey, Student  
Garry Rubinstein, UNR  
Robin Ruybalid, WC Department of Juvenile Services  
Dina Salvucci, WCDA Office  
Stacy Shamblin, Reno PD  
Lea Tauchen, Retail Association of Nevada  
Mac Venzon, Reno PD, SET  
Catherine Wagoner, WCDSS**

1. Welcome and introductions  
**Kevin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.**
2. Review recap of the October 21, 2008 meeting  
**The October meeting recap was made available and reviewed briefly.**
3. Discussion on the Meth Alliance applying for grant funds
  - a. Drug Free Communities Support Program  
**Eric Olson talked about recently attending the Drug Free Communities support program presentation in Reno by Jack Claypool. Join Together Northern Nevada is already working with**

**this grant and can not re apply. Eric told the group that this grant encourages multiple applications in a jurisdiction to apply as long as they are focusing on different target and follows the guidelines. This is a coalition grant and is not an easy grant to apply for. The Drug Free Communities grant is a 5 year grant. If applying for the grant it must be unique from JTNN's grant, create a data and prevention plan, focus on 2 or more drugs, and have the 12 community specific sectors engaged in the process.**

**The group was interested in applying for this grant, showing that we focus on meth as well as other drugs. JTNN could help write the grant but there should be members of the Meth Alliance involved. If anyone is interested in being a fiscal agent for this please let Kevin know. Eric will attend the grant bidder's conference in Phoenix on January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

4. Update and discussion on state budget cuts  
**There are still looming State budget cuts. We don't know the numbers but Kevin will keep the group apprised as more information comes forward.**
5. Report from law enforcement on most recent drug trends in Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County (Sergeant Mac Venzon)  
**Sergeant Mac Venzon of the Street Enforcement Team put together some statistics on what law enforcement has seen as the most recent drug trends.**
  - **9.6 pounds of meth was confiscated in 2008, this was a drop from 2007. Nevada seems to be keeping a lid on the labs but now labs seem to be popping up in California.**
  - **Cocaine has increased on a street level basis.**
  - **Heroin has also increased and seems to be becoming a problem in the school district.**
  - **There is a lot of Marijuana coming thru Nevada on its way to the east.**
6. Discussion on legislative issues the Alliance may consider in the 2009 Nevada Legislative Session
  - a. How do we maintain services with such large cuts looming- **As in item 4 on the agenda, Kevin will keep the group informed on any issues pertaining to cuts and funding that he hears about. Others can send what they hear to Kevin and he will disseminate that information, as well.**
  - b. Prisoner Re-entry issues- **Right now a group is developing a statewide coalition to work on the Prisoner Re-Entry Issues. This is part of a BDR but it is unclear whether this BDR has a fiscal note or not.**
  - c. Bill Draft Requests (BDR) and current bills- **There are a number of bills and bill draft requests (BDR) already and the Session doesn't start for**

**3 more weeks. The Alliance will be keeping track of the DEC bill and the budget.**

7. Update on Governor's Meth Working Group- **The Governor's Meth Working Group met January 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting addressed workforce issues in the addiction field in Nevada.**
8. Crystal Darkness update
  - a. Crystal Darkness Parent Tool Kit – **Secret Witness has completed phase 2 where every parent in the School District will get a DVD mailed to them on prevention. Katherine Loudon will try to get this DVD for the Alliance to view. This viewing will be engineered through the Meth Alliance Prevention Committee. Chair Stacy Shamblin will work with Katherine to set this up.**
  - b. Crystal Darkness Alliance – **The alliance is working on the Train the Trainer program now. If you would like to become a trainer or attend training please contact Kevin Quint.**
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Treatment: AJ Coronella and Jennifer Bowler – **The Treatment committee has met and created a letter to providers to find out what services are available. A repository will then be created where someone can find information all in one place. This committee is looking for more members as well as anyone interested in being the committee chair. An announcement will go out with NPRC's monthly newsletter.**
  - b. Prevention/Education: Stacy Shamblin- **Met last Wednesday. Information is getting out to teachers, parents and students on prevention. They would like to get into the schools to give trainings. There will be a poster contest for middle and High school on what keeps them drug free.**
  - c. Law Enforcement: Wendy Keller– **This committee needs to set a meeting. Committee is looking at smurfing local drug stores to see if the logging system is working. A discussion was made on whether or not that is a good idea, or if it will upset vendors and keep them from working with us in the future. The committee will take this concern seriously.**
  - d. Drug Endangered Children (DEC): **Kevin Quint - This committee will meet again in January or early February.**
  - e. Data: **Eric Ohlson – Eric Ohlson from JTNN will be chairing this committee and will contact any one interested.**
  - f. Resource Development: Tom Clark –**Hasn't Met**
  - g. Legislative: Tom Clark – **Nothing at this time**

10. Announcements  
**None**
11. Other items  
**None**
12. Set next meeting – **March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**
13. Adjourn – **Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm**

*“Developing a community response to the methamphetamine problem in Washoe County”*